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High Rate of Mobilization for *bla*_{CTX-MS}

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We constructed a phylogeny of class A β -lactamases and found that the *bla*_{CTX-MS} have been mobilized to plasmids ≈ 10 times more frequently than other class A β -lactamases. We also found that the *bla*_{CTX-MS} are descended from a common ancestor that was incorporated in ancient times into the chromosome of the ancestor of *Kluyvera* species through horizontal transfer. Considerable sequence divergence has occurred among the descendents of that ancestral gene sequence since that gene was inserted. That divergence has mainly occurred in the presence of purifying selection, which indicates a slow rate of evolution for *bla*_{CTX-MS} in the pre-antimicrobial drug era.

Antimicrobial drug-sensitive bacteria become resistant to antimicrobial drugs through a variety of mechanisms, such as chromosomal mutations that up-regulate the expression of antibiotic-resistance genes, DNA uptake through transformation, or the process of conjugation. The ability of plasmids to evolve independently of their hosts has allowed numerous resistance genes from diverse species of bacteria to assemble within single plasmids and spread into a wide variety of organisms (*1*). The mobilization of a chromosomal resistance gene to a plasmid is an important event because the mobilized gene is now capable of spreading widely throughout diverse species of bacteria and because the fitness advantage that a plasmid confers generally increases as it acquires more resistance genes (*1*).

The class A β -lactamases have been the most frequently encountered plasmidic resistance genes. Class A β -lactamases from the TEM group have occurred at a particularly high frequency; in many surveillance studies, they have been identified as the resistance determinants most

frequently encountered (2–9). The first *bla*_{TEM} allele, *bla*_{TEM-1}, is a plasmidic allele that was first isolated in 1963 (10,11). Currently, ≈160 different plasmidic alleles encode unique TEM β-lactamase enzymes (www.lahey.org/Studies), and all are descended from a single plasmidic ancestor, *bla*_{TEM-1} (12).

The SHVs are another group of class A β-lactamases that have been frequently observed in surveillance studies. As with the TEMs, numerous alleles encode unique SHV enzymes (≈105), and the SHVs are all descended from a single ancestor (13). The first *bla*_{SHV} allele was detected in 1974 (10,14). Unlike *bla*_{TEMs}, the *bla*_{SHVs} are present in the chromosome of nearly all *Klebsiella pneumoniae* isolates belonging to the KP1 group. Evidence suggests that *bla*_{SHVs} have been chromosomally located since the pre-antimicrobial drug era (15), and they may have been mobilized to plasmids up to 4 times, although the sequence divergence among them is insufficient to clearly resolve the independent mobilizations of the *bla*_{SHVs}.

The CTX-Ms are another group of class A β-lactamases that are located on plasmids and that have been of particular clinical interest because they are rapidly spreading through clinical populations of bacteria. The first plasmidic *bla*_{CTX-M} observed in human-associated clinical populations was isolated in 1989 (16,17). Unlike the usual pattern of class A β-lactamase mobilizations in which the plasmidic alleles are all descended from a single common plasmidic ancestor, evidence shows that CTX-Ms have been mobilized numerous times from the chromosomes of *Kluyvera* (16,18–21). Because *Kluyvera* chromosomal genes have been found that exactly match the sequence of plasmidic CTX-Ms (18), many of the mobilizations have likely occurred recently. To investigate the mobilization of the *bla*_{CTX-Ms} to plasmids, we generated a phylogeny of the CTX-Ms that included a representative sampling of other class A β-lactamases.

Methods

BLAST Search

*bla*_{CTX-M} and *bla*_{CTX-M} homologue DNA sequences were identified with a TBLASTN (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/blast) (22,23) search of the nonredundant National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) sequence database and the completed microbial genomes database by using characterized *bla*_{CTX-Ms} as query sequences (*bla*_{CTX-M1} and *bla*_{CTX-M2}). The

BLAST search of the completed microbial genomes identified positive matches for organisms that contain *bla*_{CTX-M} homologs. The BLAST search of completed genomes also showed which microbes have no close *bla*_{CTX-M} homologue, and thus enabled horizontal transfer events to be identified.

Alignment

The protein sequences of the *bla*_{CTX-MS} and their homologs were aligned with ClustalX 1.8 (24) by using the Gonet 250 similarity matrix with a gap-opening penalty of 35 and a gap-extension penalty of 0.75 for the pairwise alignment stage, and a gap-opening penalty of 15 and a gap extension penalty of 0.3 for the multiple alignment stage. The corresponding DNA coding sequences were aligned by introducing triplet gaps between codons corresponding to gaps in the aligned protein sequences with the CodonAlign program. (CodonAlign for Macintosh and for PC [Windows] computers and source code that can be compiled for other platforms are available at no charge from <http://sinauer.com/hall>.)

Estimation of Positive Selection

Estimation of the nonsynonymous (d_N) and synonymous (d_S) substitution rates is an important means of understanding mechanisms of molecular evolution. A d_N/d_S ratio >1 is taken as evidence of positive selection, whereas a d_N/d_S ratio <1 is taken as evidence of purifying selection (25). The Codeml program of the PAML package (available from <http://envgen.nox.ac.uk/bioinformatics/docs/codeml.html>) (25) was used to estimate d_N/d_S ratios in the phylogeny shown in Figure 1. The values were calculated by using model 1 in the program, and default parameters were used for the execution of the program.

Phylogenetic Reconstruction

Phylogenies were constructed by the Bayesian method, as implemented by the program MrBayes (26) (available at no charge from www.mrbayes.net). The evolutionary model used was the General Time Reversible model (27). Because evolutionary rates are not homogeneous for every site in a gene, among-site variation in evolutionary rate was estimated separately for first, second, and third positions of sites within codons. Four chains, with a “temperature” of 0.2 for the heated chains, were run for each tree. Trees were sampled every 100 generations. A total of 10 million generations were run with a burn-in of 5,000 trees. The length of each burn-in was set at a value that exceeded twice the number of trees required for convergence upon a stable

likelihood value. Because the consensus trees calculated by MrBayes do not include the posterior probabilities of the clades, each entire set of trees was imported into PAUP* (28) and the same trees used by MrBayes to calculate a consensus were used to calculate a 50% majority rule consensus in PAUP* (28). The resulting tree shows the posterior probabilities of the clades, i.e., the percentage of time that those taxa are included in the clade. The consensus trees calculated by MrBayes were imported into PAUP* for the purposes of displaying and printing the tree.

Results

Ancient Horizontal Transfer of *bla*_{CTX-M} Ancestor

The NCBI genomes database (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov:80/entrez/query.fcgi?db=genome) currently contains the completed genomic sequences of 139 eubacterial organisms. Because *Kluyvera* are members of the *Enterobacteriaceae* group of the gamma subdivision of Proteobacteria, the genomes of other members of the gamma subdivision, and especially the chromosomes of *Enterobacteriaceae*, were of the greatest interest. BLAST searches of these microbial genomes show that among the complete genomic sequences available for 9 species of *Enterobacteriaceae* (*Escherichia coli*, *Salmonella typhimrium* LT2, *S. enterica*, *Shigella flexneri*, *Photobacterium luminescens*, *Buchnera aphidicola*, *Candidatus Blochmannia floridanus*, *Wigglesworthia glossinidia*, and *Yersinia pestis*) none contain chromosomal homologs of the *bla*_{CTX-MS} that are detectable through sequence comparison. BLAST searches similarly show that many non-*Enterobacteriaceae* members of the gamma subdivision of Proteobacteria, *Shewanella oneidensis*, *Haemophilus ducreyi*, *H. influenzae*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *P. putida*, *P. syringae*, *Vibrio cholerae*, *V. parahemolyticus*, *V. vulnificus*, *Xanthomonas axonopodis*, *X. campestris*, and *Xylella fastidiosa*, also do not contain chromosomal homologs of the *bla*_{CTX-MS}. However, BLAST searches of the translated nonredundant nucleotide database revealed that *Kluyvera* species, *Citrobacter sedlakii*, and *Klebsiella oxytoca* contain close chromosomal homologs of the *bla*_{CTX-MS}.

These results show that the *bla*_{CTX-M} homologs originally came into the chromosomes of *K. oxytoca*, *Kluyvera* species, and *C. sedlakii* by horizontal transfer because most species of gamma Proteobacteria do not contain *bla*_{CTX-M} homologs. If *bla*_{CTX-M} homologs were vertically transmitted into the species that contain them, numerous deletions would be required to explain

absence of those homologs in the majority of gamma Proteobacteria. However, only 3 horizontal insertions are required to explain the presence of *bla*_{CTX-M} homologs in the chromosomes of *K. oxytoca*, *Citrobacter* species. Because fewer insertions than deletions are required to explain these data, insertion of *bla*_{CTX-M} homologs into the chromosomes of those bacteria that contain them is the most likely explanation for their current distribution.

Divergence of the *bla*_{CTX-M}s

The GenBank DNA and protein accession numbers of the sequences included in this analysis are shown in the Appendix Table, along with the organism in which the gene exists and whether the gene was located on a plasmid or a chromosome. The results of our phylogenetic analysis are presented in Figure 1. The groupings of *bla*_{CTX-M}s on our phylogeny agree with the dendrogram published by Bonnet in a recent review (16); for purposes of clarity, we will use the same group names used in that review, as shown in Figure 1.

The phylogeny shows that the *bla*_{CTX-M}s represent a fairly divergent group of β -lactamase genes descended from a common ancestor. The genes encoding the CTX-M-1 and CTX-M-2 groups are separated by over 400 mutations, which indicates considerable diversification of the *bla*_{CTX-M}s. The average distance separating the *bla*_{CTX-M}s from their most recent common ancestor is 226.2-nt \pm 22.8-nt mutations, which indicates that the rates of evolution among the *bla*_{CTX-M}s have been similar.

Positive selection testing within the phylogeny shows that positive selection has occurred throughout the evolutionary history of the class A β -lactamases. More positive selection appears to exist at branches deep within the tree than along more recent branches. The branches during which most of the divergence of the *bla*_{CTX-M}s occurred are characterized by purifying selection. The detection of purifying selection suggests a slow evolutionary rate and that the *bla*_{CTX-M}s diverged in ancient times. More recent evolution of the *bla*_{CTX-M}s likely can be characterized by intense positive selection, but the branches at the tips are still too short to obtain reliable dn/ds ratios.

Mobilization of *bla*_{CTX-M}s to Plasmids

The *bla*_{CTX-M}s have been mobilized from the chromosomes of various *Kluyvera* species to plasmids at least 8 times since they diverged from their most recent common ancestor as indicated in Figure 1. The alleles in the CTX-M-2 group have been mobilized from the

chromosome of *Kluyvera ascorbata* at least twice (29). The alleles in the CTX-M-9 group have been mobilized once from the chromosome of *Kluyvera georgiana* (30). The alleles from the CTX-M-8 group were mobilized once from the chromosome of *K. georgiana* (20). The CTX-M-25 group has been mobilized once, although the species from which it originates has not yet been determined. The alleles in the CTX-M-1 group have been mobilized at least 3 times (17,18,31), and one of those mobilizations has been from the chromosome of *K. ascorbata*. When compared with the *bla*_{TEM}s, which have been mobilized once, and the *bla*_{SHV}s, which have been reported to have been mobilized 2–4 times (32), the number of mobilization events that have occurred among the *bla*_{CTX-M}s is atypically high.

To compare the number of mobilizations that have occurred in the CTX-M group with those that have occurred in the rest of the class A β -lactamases, we constructed a phylogeny of class A alleles that spans the breadth of this group and that contains representatives of all groups of class A alleles known to the authors (Figure 2). Among all of the class A β -lactamases, including the *bla*_{CTX-M}s, only 22 mobilizations to plasmids were found. To quantitatively compare the numbers of times that CTX-Ms have been mobilized to plasmids with the number of times that other class A β -lactamases have been mobilized to plasmids, the total number of mutations that have occurred within the *bla*_{CTX-M} clade were summed and divided by the number of mobilizations that have occurred in that region of the phylogeny. Among the *bla*_{CTX-M}s, the ratio of mobilizations to mutations is 1 mobilization per 191 mutations. Among the remainder of the tree when the *bla*_{CTX-M} clade is excluded from the analysis, 14 mobilizations occur with the ratio of mobilizations to mutations being 1 mobilization per 2,471 mutations. When the complete phylogeny is considered, 1 mobilization occurs per 1,870 mutations. By that comparison, the mobilization of the *bla*_{CTX-M} genes to plasmids has occurred at an unusually high rate. This result is unlikely to be an artifact of sampling bias or clinical interest because other class A β -lactamases have been intently studied for a longer period than the *bla*_{CTX-M}s. If any bias exists in the data, it would be the undersampling of *bla*_{CTX-M} mobilizations relative to other class A β -lactamases.

Because nearly one half of the mobilizations that have occurred in the class A phylogeny have occurred among the *bla*_{CTX-M}s, it seemed reasonable to conclude that the circumstances associated with the mobilizations of the *bla*_{CTX-M}s may differ from the circumstances associated with the mobilizations of other class A β -lactamases. To rule out any effect that varying

intensities of selection or varying evolutionary rates might have on mobilizations to plasmids, we divided the phylogeny into several monophyletic groups for further analysis. Within the class A β -lactamase phylogeny (Figure 2) are several monophyletic clades that descended from a single ancestor (node A). Each of the monophyletic clades that descended from node A were considered separately during positive selection testing except for the monophyletic clade that contains the *bla*_{CTX-MS}; it was divided into 2 separate clades so that a clade containing only the *bla*_{CTX-MS} and their closest relatives could be considered. Monophyletic clades that diverged before the point represented at node A were also examined individually.

The dn/ds ratios were computed for each clade (Table), and a correlation coefficient for mobilizations and dn/ds ratios of 0.21 ($p = 0.40$) was calculated. The average distance of each clade from the root of the tree was also computed (Table), and the correlation coefficient for mobilizations and average distance from the root is 0.21 ($p = 0.41$). The nonsignificant p values yielded by those results mean that the unusually high number of mobilizations among the *bla*_{CTX-MS} are probably not an artifact caused by positive selection or evolutionary rate.

Most of the mobilizations of the *bla*_{CTX-MS} have occurred in recent years because genes something wrong here that are identical (*bla*_{CTX-M3a} [18] and *bla*_{CTX-M-18} [19]) or nearly identical to the ancestors of plasmidic clades (Figure 1) have been found in the chromosomes of *Kluyvera* species, whereas many of the other plasmidic class A β -lactamases have been mobilized much longer, perhaps even since ancient times. In many cases, no chromosomal ancestor is identified and the plasmidic resistance genes are not closely related to the chromosomal resistance genes of any identified groups of bacteria.

Discussion

Although the use of antimicrobial agents generally has enhanced the spread of antimicrobial drug resistance among bacteria by providing the selective pressure needed for the emergence of novel resistance determinants, selective pressure alone does not explain the increasing frequency with which *bla*_{CTX-M} alleles have been noted in bacterial populations in recent years (16,23). Although *bla*_{CTX-M} alleles tend to be located on transmissible plasmids and transposable elements, which clearly facilitate their dissemination, the repeated mobilization of the *bla*_{CTX-MS} from the chromosomes principally among *Kluyvera* species is most intriguing. The

mechanistic basis underlying this repeated mobilization to plasmids remains unknown. Whether the chromosomes of *Kluyvera* species have some unique aspect that enhances the mobilization of the *bla*_{CTX-M} genes remains to be determined. Other factors, such as exposure of the isolates to specific antimicrobial agents or to environmental changes that facilitate the mobilization of *bla*_{CTX-MS} to plasmids also need to be investigated.

Two insertion elements are known to contribute to the mobilization of *bla*_{CTX-MS}. The first, which is associated with the CTX-M-2 and CTX-M-9 groups, is *ISCR1* (34) and the second, which is associated with the CTX-M-1, CTX-M-8, and CTX-M-25 groups is *ISEcp1* (35). According to our phylogeny (Figure 1), 4 mobilizations can be attributed to each of these insertion type elements. Thus, both elements seem to promote equal frequencies of mobilization of *bla*_{CTX-MS}. Notably, *ISCR1* was also reported to be responsible for the mobilization of both *bla*_{VEB} and *bla*_{PER} alleles, but neither of these resistance determinants has been reported to have an unusually high rate of mobilizations from chromosomal locations to plasmids.

Another factor that may contribute to the rate of mobilizations of the *bla*_{CTX-M} resistance determinants is the frequency of plasmids in bacterial populations. As the number of plasmids increases in microbial populations, so does the number of target replicons. A comparison of the percentage of bacterial strains that contained plasmids in the pre-antimicrobial drug era (36) with the percentage of contemporary strains that carry plasmids (37,38) indicates that the frequency of plasmid carriage has increased from 19% to 58%–100%, depending on the species surveyed. Although the collection methods and resistance detection assays varied in the studies used for this comparison (which may have introduced biases toward an increasing frequency of plasmids), few doubt that plasmid carriage is much more common among bacterial strains in the antimicrobial drug era (39,40). Unfortunately, specific information about plasmid carriage of *Kluyvera* species versus other *Enterobacteriaceae* is not available.

Regardless of the mechanism, the increased number of mobilizations of *bla*_{CTX-MS} from their chromosomal locations among relatively rare human pathogens to plasmids that circulate widely among several important human and animal pathogens (particularly among *E. coli*) is a serious public health concern. The results of our study indicate the potential for an increase in the rate of mobilization of a variety of other resistance determinants to plasmids. Such an increase could result in more rapid mobilizations of novel resistance determinants and contribute to the

accelerated spread of antimicrobial resistance determinants among a large spectrum of bacterial pathogens.

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Table. Average distances from root and dn/ds ratios of monophyletic clades

Clade	Average distance from root	dn/ds ratio	Mobilizations
1	3140.865	0.0935	5
2	2534.35	0.4535	0
3	2538.9	0.2446	0
4	2819.37634	0.0929	9
5	3139.5	0.0426	0
6	2575.3	0.5024	0
7	2975.7	0.1019	1
8	2443.35	0.2618	0
9	2532.075	0.1969	1
10	3267.81	0.0338	0
11	2429.7	0.0118	1
12	2811.9	0.016	0
13	2218.125	1.1595	0
14	1747.2	0.9331	1
15	873.6	0.2056	0
16	518.7	0.1069	1
17	559.65	0.1595	1
18	778.05	0.2496	0

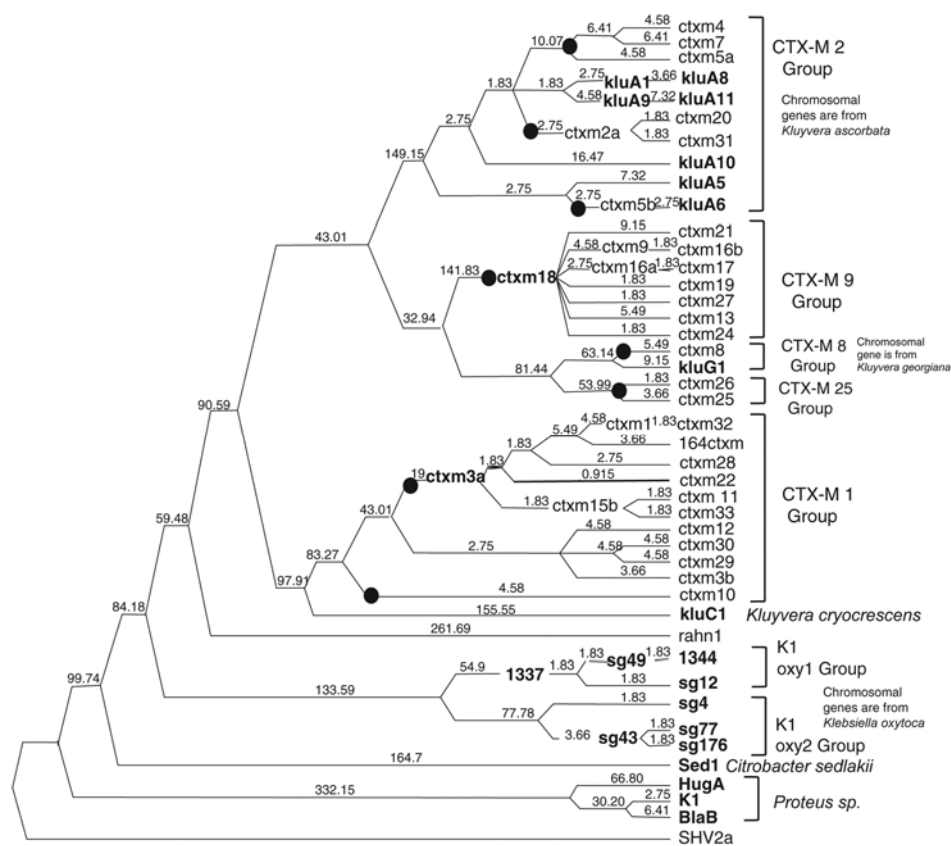


Figure 1. Phylogeny of *bla*_{CTX-M-S}. This phylogeny was calculated by Bayesian inference. Number of mutations occurring along each branch are given along the length of the branch. Black dots represent mobilizations. **Boldface** indicates chromosomal genes. CTX-M-14 and 3a exist as both unmobilized chromosomal genes and plasmid-borne CTX-M alleles.

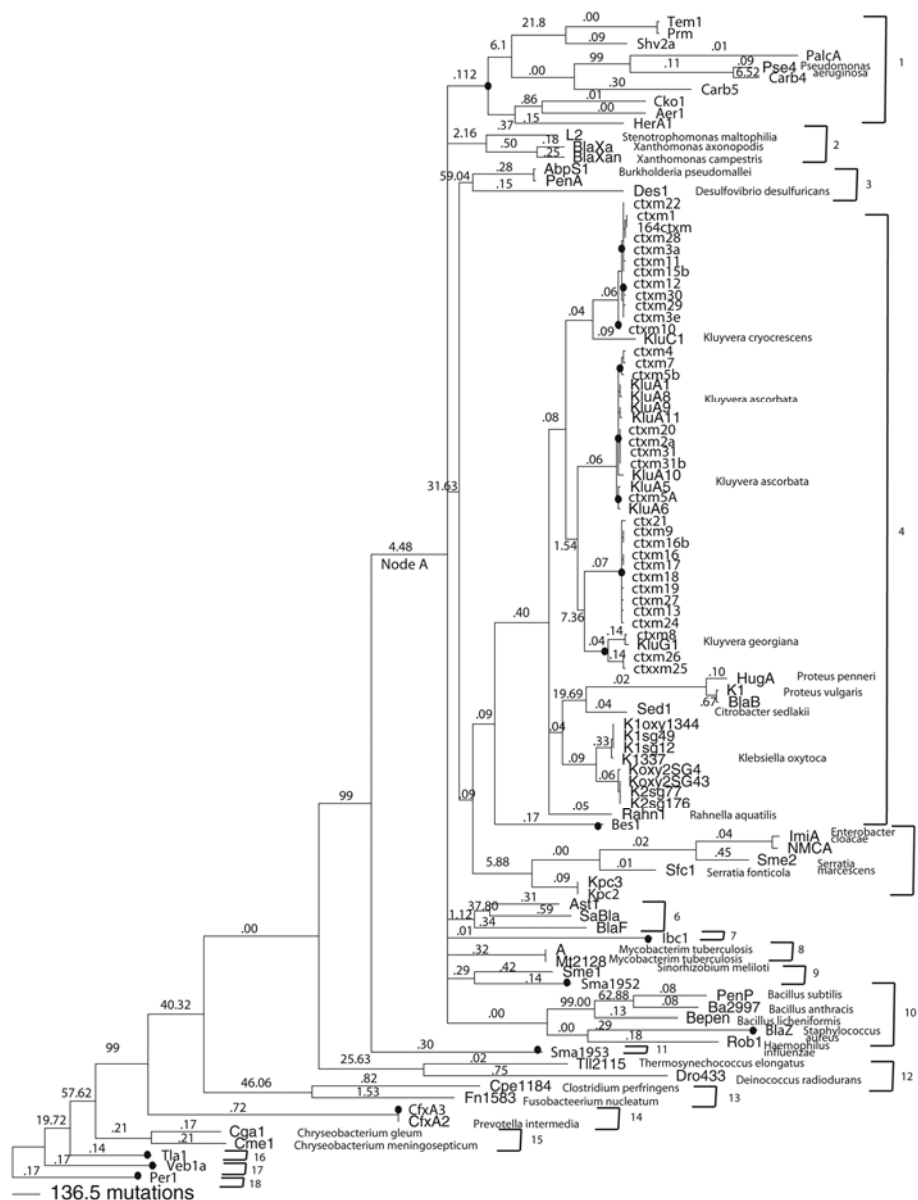


Figure 2. Phylogeny of class A β -lactamases This phylogeny was calculated by Bayesian inference. Number of mutations occurring along each branch are represented visually by the lengths of the branches. dN/dS ratios for all branches except the tips are given along the lengths of the branches. **Boldface** indicates plasmidic genes. Black dots indicate mobilizations to plasmids. Numbered brackets indicate monophyletic divisions within the phylogeny.

Appendix Table. Taxon names, organisms, and GenBank accession numbers

Taxon name	Organism	GenBank accession no.
TEM1	Multiple	AF309824
L2	<i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i>	AF299368
CGA1	<i>Chryseobacterium gleum</i>	AF339733
palcA	<i>Providencia alcalifaciens</i>	AJ438771
ABPS1	<i>Burkholderia pseudomallei</i>	AF326770
CTXM22	<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	AY080894
CKO1	<i>Citrobacter koseri</i>	AF477396
CFXA3	<i>Capnocytophaga ochracea</i>	AF472622
HugA	<i>Proteus penneri</i>	AF324468
KLUC1	<i>Kluyvera cryocrescens</i>	AY026417
PenA	<i>Burkholderia mallei</i>	AY032868
HERA1	<i>Escherichia hermannii</i>	AF311385
RAHN1	<i>Rahnella aquatilis</i>	AF338038
CFXA2	<i>Prevotella intermedia</i>	AF118110
imiA	<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>	U50278
Sed1	<i>Citrobacter sedlakii</i>	AF321608
AST1	<i>Nocardia asteroides</i>	AF279904
Sme2	<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	AF275256
IBC1	<i>E. cloacae</i>	AF208529
A	<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>	U67924
tla1	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	AF148067
PRM1	<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	AF143804
CARB5	<i>Acinetobacter calcoaceticus subsp. anitratus</i>	AF135373
K1	<i>Proteus vulgaris</i>	D29982
CTXM4	<i>Salmonella Typhimurium</i>	Y14156
KLUA1	<i>Kluyvera ascorbata</i>	AJ272538
kluA5	<i>K. ascorbata</i>	AJ427463
kluA8	<i>K. ascorbata</i>	AJ427465
kluA9	<i>K. ascorbata</i>	AJ427466
kluA10	<i>K. ascorbata</i>	AJ427467
kluA11	<i>K. ascorbata</i>	AJ427468
CTXM21	<i>E. coli</i>	AJ416346
CTXM9	<i>E. coli</i>	AJ416345
CTXM20	<i>P. mirabilis</i>	AJ416344
CTXM2a	<i>P. mirabilis</i>	AJ416343
CTXM1	<i>E. coli</i>	AJ416340
CTXM5A	<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	U95364
CTXM5b	<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	AJ005044
CTXM7	<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	AJ005045
CTXM3a	<i>Citrobacter freundii</i>	Y10278
CTXM16	<i>K. pneumoniae</i>	AY033516
CTXM17	<i>K. pneumoniae</i>	AF454633
CTXM8	<i>Citrobacter amalonaticus</i>	AF189721
CTXM18	<i>K. pneumoniae</i>	AF325133
CTXM19	<i>K. pneumoniae</i>	AF325134
CTXM10	<i>E. coli</i>	AF255298
CTXM12	<i>K. pneumoniae</i>	AF305837
SHV2a	Multiple	X53817
SME1	<i>Sinorhizobium meliloti</i>	NC_003047
SMA1952	<i>S. meliloti</i>	NC_003037
SMA1953	<i>S. meliloti</i>	NC_003037
penP	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	NC_000964
blaXa	<i>Xanthomonas axonopodis pv. citri str. 306</i>	NC_003919
BA2997	<i>Bacillus anthracis str. A2012</i>	NC_003995
blaxan	<i>Xanthomonas campestris pv. campestris str. ATCC 33913</i>	NC_003902
MT2128	<i>M. tuberculosis CDC1551</i>	NC_002755
blaZ	<i>Staphylococcus aureus subsp. aureus N315</i>	NC_003140
tlI2115	<i>Thermosynechococcus elongatus BP-1</i>	NC_004113
DR0433	<i>Deinococcus radiodurans</i>	NC_001263
CPE1184	<i>Clostridium perfringens</i>	NC_003366
FN1583	<i>Fusobacterium nucleatum subsp. nucleatum ATCC 25586</i>	NC_003454
BEPEN	<i>Bacillus licheniformis</i>	V00093
PSE4	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	J05162
BLAF	<i>Mycobacterium fortuitum</i>	L25634
NMCA	<i>E. cloacae</i>	Z21956
SABLA	<i>Streptomyces albus</i>	M28303

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BlaB	<i>Proteus vulgaris</i>	D37831
PER1	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Z21957
CTXM27	<i>E. coli</i>	AY156923
CTXM31	<i>E. coli</i>	AJ567482
CTXM31B	<i>Providencia</i> sp. 4440	AJ567481
CTXM30	<i>C. freundii</i>	AY292654
CTXM29	<i>E. coli</i>	AY267213
CTXM13	Multiple	AF252623
CTXM28	<i>E. coli</i>	AJ549244
kluG1	<i>Kluyvera georgiana</i>	AF501233
CTXM24	<i>K. pneumoniae</i>	AY143430
CTXM26	<i>K. pneumoniae</i>	AY157676
CTXM25	<i>E. coli</i>	AF518567
CTXM11	<i>E. coli</i>	AJ310929
164CTXM	<i>E. coli</i>	AF488377
kluA6	<i>K. ascorbata</i>	AJ427464
CTXM16B	<i>E. coli</i>	AY029068
CTXM15B	<i>E. coli</i>	AY044436
CTXM3E	<i>C. koser</i>	AB059404
k1oxy1344	<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i> SG344	AY077484
koxy2SG4	<i>K. oxytoca</i>	AY077489
koxy2SG43	<i>K. oxytoca</i> SG43	AY077487
k1sg49	<i>K. oxytoca</i> SG49	AY077486
k1337	<i>K. oxytoca</i> SG337	AY077483
k1sg12	<i>K. oxytoca</i>	AY077482
k2sg77	<i>K. oxytoca</i>	AY077488
k2sg176	<i>K. oxytoca</i>	AY077485
kpc3	<i>K. pneumoniae</i>	AF395881
kpc2	<i>K. oxytoca</i>	AY210886
SFC1	<i>Serratia fonticola</i>	AY354402
VEB1a	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	AF324833
DES1	<i>Desulfovibrio desulfuricans</i>	AF426161
BES1	<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	AF234999
CME1	<i>Chryseobacterium meningosepticum</i>	AJ006275
ROB1	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	AF022114
CARB4	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	U14749
AER1	<i>Aeromonas hydrophila</i>	U14748